

PARKS & EVENT FACILITIES

City of Muskegon



Pere Marquette Park

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City of Muskegon Parks & Public and Private Event Facilities

City of Muskegon Parks & Picnic Shelters

City of Muskegon parks are home to numerous playground facilities and picnic shelters for your enjoyment. The City boasts nine picnic shelters equipped with electricity and grills along spectacular Lake Michigan, stretching from Kruse Park at the south end, to Pere Marquette Park beaches and Margaret Drake Elliott Park to the north. The City's popular dog beach is also nestled along this picturesque stretch of coastline and is enjoyed by people and pets from West Michigan and beyond. But the beaches are not the only place to enjoy a day at the park. The City has many other playgrounds, ballfields, and parks from which to choose. Covered picnic shelters are located at Campbell Field, Beachwood Park and Seyferth Park, and open-air seating in other parks is plentiful. For your convenience, restrooms are available in most parks Memorial Day through Labor Day. Park hours are generally 5:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

To check picnic shelter availability or reserve a park, visit the City's website at www.shorelinecity.com and check out the "City Parks" section, or contact the City's Engineering Department at 231.724.6707. Beach wedding locations can also be reserved through the Engineering Department.

If your organization is looking for a location for a group event, we can accommodate that too. The City's Special Event Policy & Application are available online, and you may contact our Planning Department at 231.724.6702 for information. If you plan to hold an event or large gathering in a City park, prior arrangements/reservations are required.

Pets in Parks

For the enjoyment and safety of all, please keep the following rules in mind when enjoying the park with your pet. Pets are not allowed on the beaches, except for the designated dog beach at Kruse Park. Dogs need to be leashed at all times and picked up after at all parks, beaches, and City facilities. Dogs considered "dangerous breeds" (pit bulls, etc) must comply with the City's dangerous dog ordinance, found in Chapter 6 of the City's Code of Ordinances (see www.shorelinecity.com, or the City Clerk's office).

The information in the following pages will give you an idea of what the City of Muskegon has available for you.

For information on other facilities throughout Muskegon County, please contact the Muskegon County Convention & Visitor's Bureau at visitmuskegon.org, or at 610 West Western Avenue Muskegon, MI 49440, phone 231.724.3100 or 1.800.250.9283.

Information in this booklet is current at the time of printing. If you are planning an event please verify all information with the City or event facility .

PARKS



• Aamodt Park
Marquette Avenue at Wood Street
Muskegon, MI 49442

On two tree-shaded acres in a residential surrounding, Aamodt Park facilities include a play apparatus, abundant open space, a charcoal grill, and picnic tables. There are no restrooms at this park, and parking is on-street only. 110v power is available.

• Beachwood Park
Beach Street at Resort Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49441

Enjoy the natural beauty of the dunes in this spacious park near Lake Michigan. Large oaks provide shaded picnic areas, and a covered picnic shelter is available. A new section of the Lakeshore Trail winds through the park, providing access for hiking and bicycling. This park receives considerably more winter use than most of the City's parks due to its popular sledding hill. Beachwood Park offers many other amenities, including a playground area, basketball court, baseball field, restrooms, picnic tables, the picnic shelter, and a picnic area with grill. The park contains 3.4 acres, and 44 parking spaces. Surrounding land use is residential and open space. Power available is 110v.



• Beidler Street Tot Lot
Beidler Street at Young Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49441

This small .08-acre "pocket park" includes a playset (pictured at left) and open space. It is surrounded by residential land uses, and parking is available on-street. Neither power nor restrooms are available at this site.

• Beukema Playfield
Roberts & Wesley (Marquette Neighborhood)
Muskegon, MI 49442

This 10- The park contains 3.4 acres, and 44 parking spaces. Surrounding land use is residential and open space. acre park is situated in a residential area near a grade school, providing recreation facilities in the Marquette Neighborhood. The northeast portion of the park has numerous mature oak trees providing a pleasant area for picnickers. Picnic tables are provided and 110v power is available. Muskegon High School sometimes uses this park for varsity or junior varsity sporting events. There are 20 parking spaces and 2 school bus parking spots here. Facilities include a playground, 3 softball diamonds, open space for field games, a restroom facility, and a picnic area.



• Campbell Field
Barclay Street & Young Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49441

Home of Muskegon West Little League, this organization assists with maintenance and funding for the park. Surrounding land use of this 9.5-acre lot is residential, with Catholic Central High School just down the street. Facilities include a playground, 3 baseball diamonds, a softball diamond, 2 restroom buildings, 3 concession buildings, and open space for field games. Picnic tables and 110v power are available. The park has 112 parking spaces, as well as nearby on-street parking.

• Clara Shepherd Park
Southern Ave east of Seaway Drive between 8th and Glade Streets
Muskegon, MI 49441

This one-acre park adjacent to the bike trail was built to provide basketball courts in this inner city area. A portable bathroom is available Memorial Day thru Labor Day. There are no picnic tables at this site. The surrounding land use is residential and industrial. Power available is 110v and there are 20 parking spaces.



- **Hackley Park**

**City block bounded by Webster & Clay Avenues, and Third & Fourth Streets (Downtown)
Muskegon, MI 49441**

This 2.3-acre National Historic Designated Park was presented to the City in 1890 by Charles H. Hackley and is dedicated to the memory of Civil War veterans. Its focal point is an 80-foot tall soldiers monument in the center of the park, and statues of Farragut, Sherman, Grant and Lincoln grace the corners. Hackley Park hosts various ceremonies, rallies, concerts, and an annual 4th of July art fair. Parties in the Park are traditionally held here on most summer Friday evenings, offering music, refreshments, and the opportunity to socialize with your neighbors. There are no restrooms available outside of scheduled events. There is both 220v and 110v power on-site, along with a non-potable water source. Its proximity to Heritage Village, the Lakeshore Museum Center, Hackley Library, the Art Museum, the Frauenthal Theater and other downtown attractions add to its appeal. Surrounding land use is institutional and commercial.



- **Heritage Landing**

**Shoreline Drive at 7th Street
Muskegon, MI 49440**

Heritage Landing is a County park located in the City of Muskegon and is the Muskegon Lake shoreline's recreational gem. This former industrial scrap yard, adjacent to the Lakeshore Trail, was developed by Muskegon County and has infused the City of Muskegon with a new energy. It is home to concerts and festivals catering to a wide variety of interests, and has become a community showplace.

Heritage Landing is located in downtown Muskegon along Shoreline Drive, with an entrance at Shoreline Drive and 7th Street. A handicap-accessible portable bathroom is available, along with several picnic tables. There are about 65 parking spaces and 4 handicap-accessible spaces near the stage area, while parking nearest the water consists of 77 spaces and 4 handicap-accessible spaces. 110v power is available throughout the park, and additional power for larger events is available. Contact the Muskegon County Facilities Management Division at 231.724.6416 for information.



- **Indian Cemetery**

**Morris Street (Downtown)
Muskegon, MI 49440**

The oldest known Indian Cemetery in the area, this site sits on 0.42 acres, and dates back to the early 1800's. It provides a pleasant view of Muskegon Lake and a quiet oasis in the City's Central Business District. Parking is on-street; no restrooms are available.





• Joe Clifford Park

Wesley Street

Muskegon, MI 49442

This park was developed in conjunction with the East Muskegon Neighborhood Association and the COGIC Center. Surrounded by residential and industrial park land use, this lot sits on 1.8 acres. Facilities available include a playset, picnic area with grill, picnic shelter, a spray fountain water feature, and 110v power. Parking is on-street and there are no restrooms on this site.

• Kruse Park (on Lake Michigan)

Sherman Boulevard at Beach Street

Muskegon, MI 49441

Norman F. Kruse Park (formerly Bronson Park), is situated on 52.3 acres with a mile of sandy beach offering breathtaking views of Lake Michigan. This is the City's major beach picnic area with 4 picnic shelters and an accessible ramp to the beach and dunes. Three smaller picnic shelters each have a 40-person capacity, while the larger shelter can hold up to 200 people. There are 34 regular parking spaces and 3 handicap-only spaces available near the dog run area of the park, and 144 parking spaces with 6 handicap-only spaces near the picnic shelters. The northern end of Kruse Park is home to the City's "Dog Beach", a popular stretch of beach where dog-lovers can enjoy the sand and surf with their pets. Surrounding land use in this area is residential and open space. Facilities include: 2 parking lots, nature trails, barrier dunes, accessible dune walkways, playground area, dune overlooks, picnic shelters with 110v power, restrooms, and a basketball court. The park is open 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily. Reservations are required for the picnic shelters. Call 231-724-6707 or reserve using the City's website, www.muskegon-mi.gov.



• Lake Michigan Park

Lake Michigan shoreline and dunes from

Sherman Boulevard to Lakeshore Drive

Muskegon, MI 49441

Major publicly owned stretch of shoreline dune between Pere Marquette and Kruse Parks, characterized by narrow beaches and high, steeply ascending dunes. Dunes are generally grass covered on their western faces, and the back dunes are heavily wooded. Land area is 54.5 acres and the surrounding land use is residential and recreational. This area remains in its natural state and there is no power or restrooms available.



Lakeshore Trail System City of Muskegon, Michigan



• Lakeshore Trail Throughout Muskegon

The Lakeshore Trail offers 10 miles of paved, non-motorized trail throughout Muskegon, stretching from the Lake Michigan shore at the southern trailhead, through the downtown Muskegon area, and north to the Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve. It has become a hit among nature lovers, walkers, runners, skaters, and cyclists. The trail is directly accessible from the Lake Express ferry terminal, and seasonal bicycle rental is available nearby (www.beanboxbikerental.com). The trail offers several scenic resting spots with spectacular lake views. Seasonal restroom facilities are available at the Grand Trunk docks, Hartshorn Marina, and Fisherman's Landing.

• Margaret Drake Elliott Park Beach Street near the Muskegon Channel Muskegon, MI 49441

Situated along the channel connecting Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan, Margaret Drake Elliott Park (formerly Spider Park), provides an ideal location for picnic or play. The walkway along the channel is used by many for exercise, fishing, and viewing some of the most picturesque sunsets along Lake Michigan's coast. You can also watch boats traversing the channel, ranging from the *Lake Express*, Lake Michigan's impressive high-speed car ferry (www.lake-express.com), to large cargo ships heading for Muskegon ports, to sailboats, recreational boats, and fishing vessels. On five acres, there is a nice covered pavilion and picnic area which accommodates about 80 persons. A smaller shelter along the channel can accommodate 25. Both are available by reservation. Margaret Drake Elliott park also contains a playground, restrooms, electrical outlets (110v) and barbecue grills. There are 156 regular parking spaces and 14 long parking spaces. Surrounding land use is recreational and residential.



Margaret Drake Elliott Park pavilion



Muskegon Lake Channel



• Marsh Field

**Laketon Avenue at Peck Street
Muskegon, MI 49441**

Marsh Field is an historic baseball facility in the Greater Muskegon area, sitting on 6.1 acres. The field has comfortable spectator grandstands, a new electronic scoreboard, and a concession stand. It is surrounded by a paved walking trail/roller blade track, and there is a newer playground area in the park as well. Facilities include a lighted baseball diamond, picnic tables, restrooms, playground, concession stand, 110v power, and 140 parking spaces. Season runs April through October. The field is managed by the Lakeshore Baseball Club. For

information, contact 231.750.0331 or www.playmarshfield.com.

• McCrea Playfield

**Kenneth at Catawba (behind Restlawn Cemetery)
Muskegon, MI 49442**

McCrea Playfield, on 9.1 acres, serves as a primary recreation area for the neighborhood and is used by Muskegon High School's baseball team on occasion. Large shade trees provide a nice area for picnicking, and some open space area is available for field games. Surrounding land use is residential, commercial, light industrial, and a cemetery. 110v power is available inside the park building, and there are 47 parking spaces. Facilities include a playground area, softball diamond, baseball diamond, 4 shuffleboard courts, a basketball court, horseshoe pits, restrooms, and picnic tables.



• McGraft Park

**Wickham Drive and Glen Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49441**

A scenic park set on 92 acres of rolling, wooded terrain, McGraft Park sits in the City's residential Glenside neighborhood. This expansive park, traversed by Ruddiman Creek, contains approximately 45 acres developed for recreational uses, with the remaining park area preserved in its natural state. A wide variety of flora and fauna can be found throughout the park, varying from

wet lowland to dry highland species. The developed portion of the park contains a playground area, softball diamond, lighted tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, a sledding hill, and a popular disc golf course. There is also an open-air amphitheater (pictured) where you can listen to concerts on warm summer evenings, and a community building available for rent. The community building contains an indoor stage area, kitchen, and tables & chairs to seat 100. Restrooms are seasonally available. To reserve the Community Building, contact the Engineering Department at 231.724.6707 and for concert schedules, call Planning at 231.724.6702~or you can find this information on the City's website at www.shorelinecity.com. There are 78 parking spaces, 18 picnic tables, and 110v power at this site.

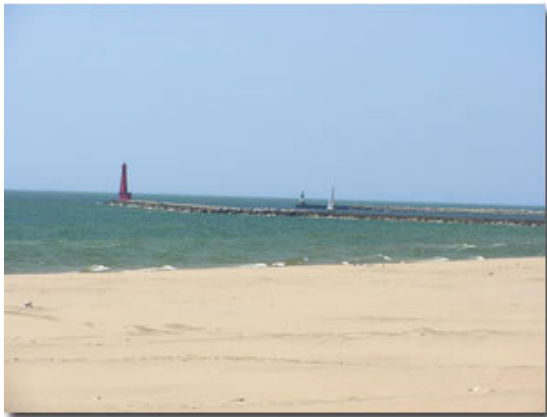
The **disc golf course** at McGraft Park is available year-round, but you will have to make your own trail during the winter months, as it is not maintained year-round by the City. Reservations are recommended for large groups (call the Planning Department at 231-724-6702).

Monet Garden

5th Street and Clay Avenue

Muskegon, MI 49441

This beautiful garden is modeled after the Claud Monet Gardens in Giverny, France. Transformed from a vacant lot by the Master Garden Club, it is a perfect location for weddings. The park includes paths, gardens and a pond, and is set in a residential area with many historic homes nearby.



Pere Marquette Park

Beach Street, Muskegon MI 49441

Pere Marquette Park is truly a jewel of the Lake Michigan shoreline. One of only three nationally certified "clean beaches" on the Great Lakes, this 27.5-acre park contains vast expanses of public sugar-sand beaches with something for almost every outdoor enthusiast. Kite boarding, volleyball, swimming and sunbathing are just a few of the opportunities available at this park. Fishing off the pier is a favorite local pastime, and the pier also provides a nice walk out to the lighthouse. There is a beach-side snack bar, bathhouse/restrooms, playground areas, beach volleyball courts, picnic areas, and a privately-leased beach bar/restaurant. Parking is free. For the convenience of our disabled guests, there is a 200-foot boardwalk located near the bathhouse, providing access to the beach. Many fun events are held at this park throughout the year, including boat races, volleyball tournaments, various festivals, and outdoor church services. Both 110v and 220v power are available. To hold an event at this park, a Special Event permit is required--contact the Planning Department at 231.724.6702 or check the City's website at www.shorelinecity.com. For beach weddings, see the website or call the Engineering Department at 231.724.6707.



• Reese Playfield

Creston Street at East Forest Avenue

Muskegon, MI 49442

Reese Field provides many recreational opportunities for the adjoining East Muskegon neighborhoods. Various City softball leagues and high schools also use the ball fields, and permanent bleachers are provided for spectator viewing. The football/soccer field is lighted and hosts adult and youth soccer programs. Large oaks provide shady areas for picnicking on hot summer days. There are 160 parking spaces here, and 110v power is available in the maintenance building. Facilities include a playground area, 3 softball diamonds, 2 tennis courts, football/soccer field, restrooms, picnic tables, and a basketball court.

- **Richards Park**

**North end of Ottawa Street near the Causeway
Muskegon, MI 49442**

Sitting on 7.5 acres, Richards Park is a rustic area on the City's northern edge, nestled along the South Branch of the Muskegon River near where it empties into Muskegon Lake. There is a launch ramp at the site--unknown to many area residents--providing access to the river and lake. The Lakeshore Trail is also nearby, linking this park with the City's downtown and shoreline areas. The surrounding land use is wooded, commercial and industrial. No restrooms or power are available on this site, and parking is on-street. As of 2010 however, the City of Muskegon is working with the Muskegon Conservation District to develop this site into MCD headquarters, while preserving its natural beauty and public access.



- **Ryerson Creek
Muskegon, MI**

A natural ravine/valley is formed by Ryerson Creek, running through Muskegon's inner city. Consisting of 72 acres, it is heavily wooded with varying terrain, from lowland marshes to high-banked ravines. The creek provides a ribbon of nature through a heavy residential/commercial portion of the City. No power or restrooms are available along this site, with the exception of Smith-Ryerson Park.

- **Seyferth Park**

**West Sherman Boulevard between Leon and LeBoeuf
Muskegon, MI 49441**

This 16-acre park on the City's west side provides plenty of recreation opportunities. Physically, the park is divided into two distinct areas. The north half is primarily flat open space used for field games, while the south half along Sherman Boulevard contains many mature oak trees providing an attractive setting for picnics and family-oriented recreation activities. There are 70 parking spaces and several picnic tables available, along with 110v power. Surrounded by residential and commercial land uses, this park's facilities include 2 playground areas, a softball diamond, football/soccer field, 2 basketball courts, an in-line skating/hockey rink, a skate park with ramps, restrooms, picnic areas, grills, and a picnic shelter.





• **Sheldon Park**
Madison at Isabella
Muskegon, MI 49442

Numerous white and red oaks beautify this park, set in a residential setting with excellent picnic and recreation areas. With basketball courts, baseball diamonds, and shuffleboard all on 5.8 acres, there is a lot to do at Sheldon Park. Restrooms are seasonally available, and 110v power is available inside the park building. Parking is accommodated in the alley or on-street.

• **Smith-Ryerson Park**
Wood and Sumner, Muskegon, MI 49442

This newly renovated, 23-acre park is a focal point for recreational activities in the neighborhood. The park lies in a natural valley bordered on the south by Ryerson Creek and is interspersed with a wide variety of lowland flora providing an excellent picnic setting. In addition, a wonderfully scenic biking & walking path begins at Smith-Ryerson Park and travels along winding Ryerson Creek. The park is home to the Muskegon Recreation Center (MRC), which includes a boxing gym/training facility. The community center, managed by the MRC, provides a place for neighborhood gatherings, and the Port City Boys football program has made this their home field. Park facilities include a combination football/soccer field, 2 basketball courts, walking trails, an observation deck overlooking the creek, a new picnic shelter with 2 grills, concession stand, 2 restroom facilities, playground area, a small community center, gymnasium/all purpose room, open space for field games, and picnic tables. There are 176 parking spaces available, and power is 110v. With all of the facilities offered and the breathtaking views of Ryerson Creek, Smith-Ryerson Park is certainly a pearl of the city.



• **St. Joseph Park/Nelson Park**
Monroe near Fifth, Muskegon, MI 49440

This 0.7-acre park was created in conjunction with the Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids and the Nelson Neighborhood Association. It consists of a playset and open space. Surrounding land use is residential. A portable restroom is available in the summer. 110v power is also available, and parking is on-street.

- **United Way Day of Caring Park**
7th Street and W. Muskegon Avenue
Muskegon MI 49441

Surrounded by a residential area, this 0.9-acre park offers a playset and limited open space. This park was built as a United Way Day of Caring project in 1996. No restrooms or power are available at this site. On-street parking is available.



- **Veteran's Memorial Park**
Causeway, East End of Muskegon Lake Muskegon,
MI 49442

This 28-acre park contains a lagoon and island with several war memorials. A large fountain anchors the south end of the park. The park is auto-oriented with the typical park viewer being vehicle occupants traveling along the Causeway. The Veteran's organization completed a paved walkway throughout the park, providing a nice walking path. This property is adjacent to the Lakeshore (bike) Trail and the Muskegon River. Surrounding land use is Industrial and open space. No restrooms are available on this site. There is a small gravel lot for parking. 110v power is available.

In addition to our many beautiful parks, the City is home to several unique and varied indoor & outdoor event venues.

EVENT FACILITIES ~ Downtown Muskegon Area

• Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts & Related Venues

Frauenthal Theater

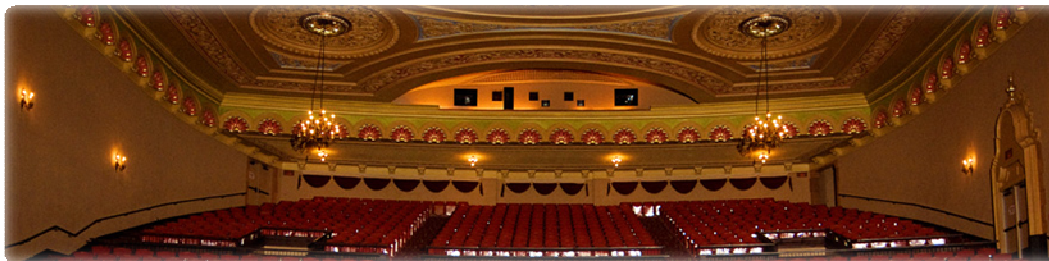
425 W Western Avenue, Muskegon MI 49440

<http://www.frauenthal.org>

Contact: 231.332.4103 or lmedema@cffmc.org

Capacity: Theater seating capacity is 1,726; stage capacity for guests is 150 to 200.

Along with performances, this ornate, one-of-a-kind theater can be rented for weddings and receptions, parties on the stage, business meetings and speaking engagements.



The historic original lobby and the spacious Western Avenue lobby are perfect spots to host trade shows & receptions.

Beardsley Theater

located in the Frauenthal Center

425 W Western Avenue Muskegon MI 49440

<http://www.frauenthal.org>

Contact: (231) 332-4103

Capacity: Seating capacity is 169

Located in the Hilt Building adjoining the Frauenthal Theater, the intimate Beardsley Theater is the perfect setting for performances, lectures, film screenings, presentations and parties.



Hilt Building

Located in the Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts

425 W Western Avenue, Muskegon MI 49440

<http://www.frauenthal.org>

Meeting rooms located throughout three floors feature comfortable, private spaces for your event. Partitions permit the rooms to be used individually for small groups or collectively for larger groups. They Bettye Clark-Cannon Gallery on the second floor is a large attractive balcony space overlooking the Hilt Lobby. Rooms located behind the gallery can be used individually or combined with the gallery to give access to the entire second floor of the Hilt Building. Johnson Hall/Munroe Bergmann are located on the third floor. These two large areas provide space for wedding receptions, school dances, family reunions, proms, meetings, conferences, seminars, and rehearsal halls. These rooms can be rented separately or together, depending on the size of your event. Capacity ranges from 20 to 275. Capacity for individual conference rooms in the **Hilt Building** is as follows:

2nd Floor: Hilt Building Conference Room – 20 people; Bettye Clark-Cannon Gallery – 120 people; Gallery plus Meeting Room A – 160; Gallery plus Meeting Rooms A & B – 200; Gallery plus Meeting Room A, B & C – 225. (continued on page 14)

3rd Floor: Johnson Hall-150; Munroe Bergmann Hall-150; Johnson Hall & Munroe Bergmann Hall-275
Parking is available in front of the Frauenthal Center, which consists of about 30 regular spaces, and 2 handicap spaces. On-street parking is also available.

• L.C. Walker Arena

Sports Facility, Expo Hall, Banquet & Meeting Facility

955 Fourth Street

Muskegon, MI 49440

www.lcwalkerarena.com

Contact: General Office (231) 726-2939

Box Office (231) 726-2400

Capacity is 1,000 (Annex) to 6,000 (Arena)

The L.C. Walker Arena is home to Muskegon's own USHL Lumberjacks hockey team. This impressive multi-purpose arena is also available for public skating and events such as expos, concerts, ice-shows, and other large events. The main floor area is 200' x 85' (approx. 16, 700 square feet). Power supply is available; connections must be done by a stagehand, electrical technician or certified electrician.



Electrical service available: 600 Amps 3 Phase 110 / 208 Volts

200 Amps 3 Phase 110 / 208 Volts

(2) 100 Amps Single Phase 110 / 240 Volts



Walker Arena Annex

Equipment, services, and personnel are available for rent, and includes stages, catering, dressing rooms, ticketing, ushers, and tables/chairs. The arena also has a large Annex area available for rent with a dining capacity of 1000.

There is ample parking available across from the L.C. Walker Arena, as well as on-street parking in the downtown area. For more information and arena seating charts, please see the arena website, or call.

• Olthoff Street Stage

Third St Promenade between Morris and Clay Avenue

Muskegon, MI 49440

Conceived in 2004 as part of the Imagine Muskegon campaign, the Third Street Promenade street stage is an "open-air performance stage", available for rental to nonprofit organizations, concert associations and residents. Power is available at the stage; performers must provide their own equipment. The reservation form, along with additional information, can be found at the Downtown Muskegon Now! office in the Hines Building at 380 West Western Avenue (231.724.3180), or on the web at www.downtownmuskegon.org. A schedule of events at the stage can be found on the website as well.



MILITARY-ORIENTED VENUES

Great Lakes Naval Memorial & Museum and the USS Silversides Submarine 1346 Bluff Street, Muskegon, MI 49441

Contact: 231.755.1230

www.glnmm.org

Along the Muskegon Channel near Pere Marquette Park is the Great Lakes Naval Museum, a WWII museum paying homage to the USS Silversides submarine and the soldiers who once boarded it. It includes artifacts within the museum and the submarine itself, which is open for tours. Overnight camping onboard the Silversides is available for scouts and youth groups. See website or call for specifics.

The museum's Channel View Room is available for educational programs and military special events, and offers an outdoor balcony with wonderful views of the Muskegon Lake Channel. Capacity is 200 people.

Parking on site includes approximately 58 spaces, with 3 handicap spaces.



USS LST 393 Museum Ship

560 Mart Street

Muskegon, MI 49440

Contact: 231.288.4503 or 231.773.0850 or Email info@lst393.org

Capacity: 10-300 guests

The USS LST 393 is a large historical ship which can be used for any special occasion. You can choose to hold your event indoors on the expansive Tank Deck or outdoors on the topside Weather Deck. Ship tours are available as an addition to your event, as well as audio-visual equipment and other entertainment options.



Parking is available nearby, which includes about 156 regular spaces and 9 handicap spaces.

Muskegon County is also home to the following Veterans Clubs, which may have banquet facilities available. Call for information:

American Legion: 3408 Hoyt Street, Muskegon Heights, 231.733.1500
9150 Holton Road, Holton, 231.821.2248

Lakeside Veterans Club, 1777 Lakeshore Drive, Muskegon, 231.755.2763

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW):

Post 446, 165 S. Getty Street, Muskegon, 231.722.3282
Post 9388, PO Box 4126, Muskegon Heights, 231.739.4134
Post 3734, 5201 Airline Road, Norton Shores, 231.865.3948
Post 3195, 5209 Grand Haven Road, Muskegon, 231.798.3160
Post 7729, 6285 E Apple Ave, Muskegon, 231.788.2998
Post 8846, 1061 Witham Road, North Muskegon, 231.744.1018

PRIVATELY-OWNED EVENT VENUES

For your convenience, we have listed these City of Muskegon event facilities available for rent for your event or meeting. **Please contact the business directly by phone or website to verify all information.** Not all amenities offered by the venues are listed here.

Downtown Muskegon area:

- **Babbitt Garden**

545 West Western Avenue (between 5th & 6th Streets)
231.206.3311

An open-air park with flower gardens, fountains and a gazebo--great for outdoor weddings.

- **Fricano Event Center**

550 West Western Ave, Muskegon MI 49441
231.722.2600 ext. 23

www.hartshorncentre.com

A 10,000 square-foot nostalgic banquet facility accommodating 100 to 600 guests in a lakefront setting, the Fricano Event Center offers Muskegon Lake views and an outdoor terrace, an open floor plan, food service, and an on-site event coordinator. Parking is available on-site.

- **Holiday Inn Muskegon-Harbor**

939 Third Street, Muskegon, MI 49440
1-800-652-3705

www.holidayinn.com

The Holiday Inn's Embassy Ballroom can accommodate up to 500 guests. It features 10,000 square feet of space ranging from ballrooms to boardrooms, as well as free Wi-Fi access, on-site catering, and a variety of A/V equipment. Restrooms are located close by on the main floor. A covered parking garage is located alongside the building, containing an estimated 314 spaces, with 10 handicap spaces.

- **Port City Princess**

560 Mart Street, Muskegon MI 49440
231-728-8387 or 1.800.853.6311

www.portcityprincesscruises.com

Lake Michigan/Muskegon Lake cruises available May through October. Reserve the entire ship for your group with a minimum of 100 people; maximum capacity is 150. Parking available on-site.

- **Shoreline Inn and Conference Center**

750 Terrace Point Blvd, Muskegon MI 49440
866.727.8483

www.shorelineinn.com

Located on Muskegon Lake, the Shoreline Conference Center has three salons and a waterfront ballroom to accommodate groups of 30 to 350 people. The 4,500 square feet of conference facilities can be arranged to accommodate varied floor plans, seating arrangements, and event activities. The adjacent Terrace Point Marina contains over one hundred 35' to 55' foot boat slips, and an all-suite hotel and waterfront restaurant are located on-site. Parking is on-site as well.

- **Watermark 920**

930 Washington Ave, Muskegon MI 49441
231.727.0805

www.watermarkcenter.com

Capacity: Room A: 120, Room B: 240, Room A B Combined: 360 people

The Watermark 920 has a contemporary urban feel, It offers an on-site event coordinator, a convenient location near downtown and Muskegon Lake, and other amenities. Parking is on-site with street parking also available.

Additional banquet facilities outside the downtown area:

- **Baker College (northeast)**

1903 Marquette Avenue, Muskegon MI 49441

231.777.5200

Baker College has 3 different rooms available for rent, with a capacity ranging from 75 to 420 people. Room sizes are 1380, 1436, and 6355 square feet. Catering is allowed, and audio/visual equipment is available. Prior approval of Executive Committee is required, so a minimum of one month advance notice is necessary.

- **Bayside Centre (west)**

3006 Lakeshore Drive, Muskegon MI 49441

231.759.1221

www.fishdock.net/bayside

The Bayside Centre is situated on the south shore of Muskegon Lake overlooking the Bluffton Bay Marina. It can seat 225 guests inside, with a large open-air deck adding another 125 guests to the overall capacity. Food service and on-site parking are available.

- **Hagar's Hideaway (west)**

3156 Lakeshore Drive, Muskegon MI 49441

231.755.4179

Capacity 150 people. Located on Muskegon Lake next to the Viking Lodge, this banquet hall is available for rent to the public. Food service is not provided but you may make your own arrangements; limited parking on-site, additional parking nearby.

- **Muskegon Community College & The Stevenson Center (northeast)**

221 S. Quarterline Rd., Muskegon MI 49442

231.777.0319

www.muskegoncc.edu

Rooms in a wide variety of sizes are available to accommodate groups up to 315 people for events, conferences and seminars. There is also a planetarium and theater on campus. Overbrook Theater offers a stage and seating for 300. Communication equipment, catering, and free parking are available.

- **Muskegon Country Club (west)**

2801 Lakeshore Drive, Muskegon, MI 49441

231.755.3737

www.muskegoncc.com

Available for rent to the public if sponsored by a club member. Accommodates up to 250 people. Sits on 130 acres with a large golf course, clubhouse, banquet/dining room, and swimming pool.

- **Muskegon Yacht Club (west)**

3198 Edgewater Street, Muskegon, MI 49441

231.755.1414

www.muskegonyachtclub.org

Banquet facility rental is available to non-members. Located on Muskegon Lake, the Yacht Club has two separate banquet rooms that hold about 75 people each.

MARINAS AND BOAT LAUNCH RAMPS

Muskegon is a boater's paradise. With the sheltered waters of Muskegon Lake and access to Lake Michigan, boating opportunities of all kinds await. Take a fishing charter or just cruise the "Big Lake", fish Muskegon Lake, spend a restful day at the beach or tour local attractions. Whatever your boating needs or interests, Muskegon is here to help.

There are a number of boat launch ramps within the City of Muskegon. You can pick up an annual boat launch permit or pay by the day.

Fisherman's Landing offers camping also, and is located northeast of downtown on the eastern end of Muskegon Lake (1) →

Hartshorn Marina is the City's municipal marina and offers a nice boat launch located just west of the downtown. (2)

Grand Trunk Boat Launch/Ramp is on Lakeshore Drive at McCracken St. (3)

Muskegon Jaycees Boat Launch Ramp (Cottage Grove) is on Lakeshore Drive and is closest to the Channel. (4)



- **Fisherman's Landing (Boat Launch & Campground)**

Giddings Ave off Ottawa St.

Muskegon, MI 49442

Sitting on 18.6 acres, Fisherman's Landing is geared toward the large sports fishing industry. The parking lot for 250 vehicles contains oversize spaces to accommodate both car and trailer. There is a special chair lift for disability access and dry storage area for sailboats. Surrounding land use is commercial and industrial. Facilities include launch ramps, a swimming beach, 2 restrooms, a shower facility, a playground, picnic shelter, open picnic space, and fish cleaning station. Campsites are equipped with water and 30/50 amp electric, and can accommodate up to 40-foot RVs or tents. All sites have picnic tables and fire rings plus access to flush toilets, showers, dump station, and fish cleaning station w/freezer storage.



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- **Grand Trunk Launch Ramp**

McCracken & Lakeshore Dr.

Muskegon, MI 49441

This 4.6 acre property is owned by the State of Michigan Waterways Division, but leased to the City of Muskegon. Surrounding land use is residential, industrial, and commercial. A bait shop is nearby. Facilities available are 2 launch ramps & picnic tables. There is a nice covered pavilion here, and it is right next to the Lakeshore Trail. A portable restroom is seasonally available.

- **Hartshorn Marina**
920 W. Western Avenue at Division Street
Muskegon, MI 49441
www.hartshornmarina.com



Hartshorn Marina, sitting on 10.3 acres, is the only public-owned marina on Muskegon Lake. This marina offers 134 major slips, 30 small slips, 51 moorings, 2 launch ramps, 2 restrooms, and picnic tables. There is a 6-foot average depth in small boat basin, 9-foot average depth in large boat basin, 13-foot draft/19-foot beam in largest ships, and one tie-up for vessels up to 70 feet. Marina parking includes approximately 200 spaces. Other amenities at Hartshorn include seasonal/transient docking and mooring, friendly courteous staff, an experienced harbormaster, bathroom & shower facilities, power and water hookup, docking assistance, WI-FI , VHF/FM radio-VHF Channel 09, Pump-out station, ice sales, dinghy and trailer storage, catamaran dry storage, dock boxes, picnic tables and grills. The YFCA is located next door, and Heritage Landing is just down the

street. Trolley service is available. Surrounding land uses are recreational, residential, and industrial. For information and reservations, contact the Harbor Master, Department of Public Works, 231.721.4100 or the Hartshorn Office, 231.724.6785

- **Jaycee's Launch Ramp**
Lakeshore Dr. at Cottage Grove
Muskegon, MI 49441

The Jaycee's Launch Ramp (also known as Cottage Grove), is situated on 0.6 acres on Lakeshore Drive at Cottage Grove St. It is a popular public ramp on the west end of Muskegon Lake and is the closest ramp to the channel leading to Lake Michigan. Surrounding land use is residential, commercial, and industrial; facilities include 2 launch ramps. There are 29 "vehicle-with-trailer" parking spaces available. One portable toilet is located on-site.



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